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**Virginia Coastal Resilience Master Planning Framework  
Coastal Resilience Studies, Research, and Best Practices Subcommittee  
Meeting Minutes  
February 22, 2021 – 11:00 AM – 12:30 APM  
Virtual Public Meeting**

The event began at 11:07 am. The meeting was held via Webex, recorded, and posted on the TAC website. In attendance were subcommittee chair Dr. Robert Weiss, vice-chair Emily Steinhilber, Rear Admiral Ann Phillips, and other subcommittee members.

Emily Steinhilber read the required language to conduct virtual meetings during COVID. Dr. Weiss started roll call and all presented members of the subcommittee introduced themselves. Emily Steinhilber reminded members to comply with COIA/FOIA requirement. Rear Admiral Phillips also introduced herself and introduced subcommittee staff, Shurui Zhang.

Dr. Weiss stated a draft statement for the subcommittee and encourage collaboration between the subcommittee members. Dr. Weiss identified three domains regarding subcommittee tasks: coastal resilience and sustainability; future adaptive land use; interdisciplinary capacity building and translation into practices. He expressed his concern over the method of communication with the CRO, other subcommittees, and the public. He asked other members to provide additional advisors for the subcommittee. He said that the subcommittee will also need to consider how to carry on the advice generated by the subcommittee after the end of the year.

Dr. Weiss opened the floor for discussion at 11:25 am.

Skip Stile mentioned the subcommittee charge stated on the SNR website.

Dr. Carl Hershner stated his subcommittee will be implementing the guiding principle from the Framework, and one of the challenges for his subcommittee is to evaluate projects for underserved communities. Dr. Hershner said that it would be helpful for the Studies, Research, and Best Practices subcommittee to provide some examples.

Dr. Weiss agreed and stated that one of the subcommittee's priorities is to identify both short-term and midterm needs to accommodate other subcommittees. Ms. Steinhilber added that there are significant overlaps between the Studies subcommittees and Project Evaluation subcommittees, and recommended highlighting members to be liaisons between subcommittees.

Dr. Hershner added that the subcommittees are not well staffed and the responsibility for the subcommittee member is pressing. He stated that the recommendation for the metric which has been used elsewhere would be more practical.

Dr. Weiss agreed and stated to achieve what Dr. Hershner has suggested, a list of advisors and working groups are important steps to address those needs.

Dr. Rob Young stated that he has staff at his center, and if there are discreet tasks, he is willing to take on the tasks with his staff.

Dr. Weiss said that he has similar resources, and asked Rear Admiral Phillips how to best proceed with such collaborations.

Rear Admiral Phillips answered that it's permissible as long as the assistance is at advisory capacity, though any presentation at the subcommittee meeting is open to the public.

Shep Moon said that one of the tasks the Virginia Coastal Zone Management is charged with is to develop a Strategic Coastal Relocation Handbook by December and asked this subcommittee to give direction to the task.

Rear Admiral Phillips stated that the subcommittee is operating in an advisory capacity. Skip Stiles stated that the subcommittee will need to develop its focus considering the deadline for the Plan. Dr. Weiss agreed that the subcommittee must balance its short-term and long-term needs.

Dr. Weiss suggested that the subcommittee form working groups to distribute tasks. He stated that the next steps are to identify subcommittee priorities and form working groups.

Elizabeth Andrews asked if the subcommittee has the responsibility to provide recommendations on the new living shoreline and CBPA rules while agencies already have the responsibility.

Rear Admiral Phillips answered that it's worth listening to the agencies while the specific responsibilities are not clear at this point.

Emily Steinhilber added that both she and Dr. Weiss has spoken to the Coastal Zone Management staff and the subcommittee is willing to participate in hearing feedback from the local Planning District Commissions.

Dr. Weiss suggested the subcommittee to meeting every month, and schedules will follow.

Public comment was opened at 11:50 am, and there is no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 am.